

# **PLYMOUTH BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016**

MAYFLOWER ROOM, TOWN HALL, 11 LINCOLN STREET

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## **7:05PM - CALL TO ORDER**

Ken Tavares, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:        Kenneth A. Tavares, Chairman  
                  Anthony F. Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman  
                  John Mahoney  
                  Sean P. Page  
                  David Malaguti  
  
                  Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager

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## **7:07PM – IN MEMORIAL**

Before starting the meeting, Chairman Tavares asked the Selectmen to say a few words about Tom Ruggiero, a retired Captain from the Plymouth Fire Department, who passed away on April 14, 2016. David Malaguti and Sean Page, both Selectmen, regaled fond memories that they made with Mr. Ruggiero and told the Board and the Public about his time spent in the Army, his experience during D-Day, and his time with the Town of Plymouth. Then Chairman Tavares asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Ruggiero.

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## **7:14PM – WELCOMING OF THE DELEGATION FROM PLYMOUTH, UK**

Ken Tavares then announced the Delegation from Plymouth, England was in attendance and explained that they were at the meeting tonight to sign a Proclamation of Support for the Plymouth 400 Celebrations. Chairman Tavares first called upon Michele Pecoraro to introduce the esteemed guests as follows:

Adrian Vinken	Chairman of Mayflower 400 UK
David Draffan	Assistant Director of Economic Develop, Plymouth, UK
Amanda Lumley	Chief Executive, Destination Plymouth, UK

Ms. Pecoraro then asked Mr. Vinken to come to the podium and say a few words. Mr. Vinken began by thanking everyone for hosting their visit and for inviting them to the Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Vinken then went on to explain the purpose for their trip across the pond, which was to share their culture, heritage and education as well as to collaborate in the 2020 Celebrations. He stressed that this relationship is not just Plymouth to Plymouth, it's also Nation to Nation. He finished by saying he has high hopes of a Presidential visit and a Royal visit in 2020.

Mr. Vinken, President of Mayflower 400, and Chairman Tavares, President of Plymouth 400, then sat together to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations to collaborate towards a common goal for the 2020 celebrations.

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**7:35PM – PITCH PINE (CONSERVATION AND EXPLORE NATURAL PLYMOUTH)**

Love Albrecht Howard of Six Ponds Improvement Association and Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance, came to the podium to ask the Selectmen to endorse the Pitch Pine as the Official Tree of Plymouth in celebration of Earth Day 2016. Ms. Howard went on to describe the many characteristics of the Pitch Pine like they can grow to a height of 100 feet, however, depending on their environment, can live at 5 feet tall for decades, or how they can completely regenerate after being burned to the ground in a devastating forest fire. After her compelling and interesting speech, she read and asked the Board to sign the Proclamation.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board voted to accept the Pitch Pine as the official Tree of Plymouth, and signed the Proclamation.

*Voted 5/0*

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**7:45PM – FRIENDS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING (PRESENTATION)**

Pat Acorn, President of The Friends of the Council on Aging, came to the Board to explain how the Council on Aging benefits from the work of the *Friends*. Ms. Acorn began by explain that the *Friends* is volunteer based and that they do much of their work through membership and the fees associated with the membership to enrich the lives of our Senior Community. She said there are also different levels of membership those ranges from \$10 through \$100 with each level receiving a different package of perks. She went on to say they also have local business as sponsors that commit to \$500 to \$5,000 per month where they will receive anything from a website slot, to advertisements in the “Nooklet” which is the COA monthly Newsletter. Ms. Acorn then explained the many different ways that they raise funds which include but not limited to:

- Timeless Treasures Gift Shop located in the COA lobby
- The Tree of Life which you can purchase a Leaf of Remembrance
- Events such as Psychic Fairs and
- Selling hand-made Baskets at the Plymouth Farmer’s Market

Ms. Acorn went on to tell the Board and the public where their funds go in relation the the seniors and the operations of the COA:

- They support Senior Programs
- Staff Education and Betterment
- Activities, Event and Parties for the Seniors
- Nutritional Services, Daily Lunch and Snacks
- Maintenance and Equipment (Bingo Boards, etc)
- iPads, Computers and Technology

Pat Acorn finished by saying everyone at the *Friends* loves what they do, and wishes more of the younger residents would appreciate the Senior Community a little more.

Chairman Tavares thanks Ms. Acorn and all of the hard working volunteers for the great work they do, which Selectman Provenzano echoed.

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## **7:59PM – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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## **8:00PM – TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

### **Spring Clean-Up**

Melissa Arrighi started her report of with information on an upcoming litter cleanup day. She said that Evelyn Strawn had notified the Town that Spring Litter Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She said that PACtv will be airing a community news story about the event that was aired on April 7<sup>th</sup> on public access channels. This show will be repeated on Friday afternoons, Saturday mornings, and Tuesday afternoons. She added that if any citizens wanted to get involved, please reach out to Patrick Farah in the Town Planning Department, and thanked him for his hard work with this event.

### **Dog Park Progress**

Melissa Arrighi told the Board that Economic Development Director, Jessica Casey, has provided her with an update regarding the proposed Dog Park. They have been working diligently with the West Plymouth Steering Committee to locate a 1 to 105 acre lot for a Dog Park on the West Plymouth Recreation Field based on requests throughout the years. Currently, the West Plymouth Steering Committee is in favor of the park. Staff has met with them three times, each time as an informational session. Abutters were directly notified for the second and third informational meetings. The current proposal includes a Dog Park, located on the left side of the field entrance that would follow the lot lines and involve five abutters. This location was proposed after several site visits and was recommended due the topography and the maturity of the treed area.

#### **Feedback received:**

- Can the Park be set back from the church lot line, maybe 120 feet?
- Can the Park be set back further from the baseball diamond?
- Can the Park be located on the right side of the entrance?

#### **Nest Steps:**

- Meet with Robin Carver and Ted Bubbins to revisit Park at right of entrance.
- Revise proposed plan for the left side to account for “set back” requests
- Present changes to the WPSC on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Airport
- Present options to the Board of Selectmen for land designation
- Work with staff, Jill Ward and residents to move Park implementations forward.

### **Harbor Plan**

Mrs. Arrighi talked about the ongoing plans for Plymouth Harbor. She said she met with Chairman Tavares, David Gould, Chad Hunter, Jessica Casey, Lee Hartmann, Paul McAuliffe, and the consultant from Urban Harbors Institute of UMass Boston to discuss ongoing work to create a Harbor Plan for Plymouth. As indicated to the Selectmen at a previous meeting, over the next year the DMEA will be working to develop the first Plymouth Harbor Plan. She added that they have the capable support and assistance of the Harbor Committee. Mrs. Arrighi stated that although it was important for the consultant to

meet with staff members, there will be three public meetings as well to gain valuable input from the community. She listed some of the issues that are being brought up as part of this plan. They are commercial fishing promotion, the Harbor facility, the Water Street promenade, the State Pier's future, increased ferry services, connectivity from Cordage to Town Wharf and Downtown Waterfront, dredging, transportation access, infrastructure plans, and beautification balanced with functionality. She finished by saying the Harbor Plan should be available in March of 2017, and left us with this fact:

*In 2014 there were 60 fishermen which took in 1.1 million pounds of lobster out of Plymouth Harbor. We were the second largest lobster port in Massachusetts, behind Gloucester, which took in 2.8 million pounds of lobster from 140 fishermen. Gloucester averaged 18,300lbs of lobster per fisherman, and Gloucester averaged 20,000lbs per fisherman.*

### **Aaron Wallace**

Aaron worked tirelessly as the Director of the Town's Emergency Management for years, but is leaving that post to join the Plymouth Police Force. Mrs. Arrighi and the Board wished him well.

### **Town Wharf Update**

David Gould, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs, and the Harbor Master, Chad Hunter, recently met with Robert B. Our Construction and Bourne Consulting at a pre-construction meeting for the Town Wharf project. Mrs. Arrighi stated that the work should begin by April 18<sup>th</sup> but said that preliminary work will be started before that. She also listed some of the key points discussed at the meeting:

- Bourne Consulting will provide onsite engineering oversight, and that David Gould and Chad Hunter would be the internal project managers.
- Several locations have been identified for work areas and laydown areas including former Reliable Fish lease area on the pier and the parking spaces between Wood's and Lobster Hut. The majority of the work will happen via a barge, and all of the business owners affected have been notified.
- The Town has developed an email list to keep businesses aware of the progress of the project, and letting them know that questions can go directly to Chad Hunter and David Gould.
- Every effort will be made to complete the storm water component after Labor Day to reduce impacts on local traffic.
- Lastly, pile driving will begin in May and this will be the most significant disturbance to the area as it will be noisy and will take months to complete.

Town Manager Arrighi finished by informing the Board that Plymouth Growth and Development along with the New Town Hall Architect, were working on potential plans for a parking deck near Town Hall. There are no final decisions except that it will be paid for through Plymouth Growth and Development.

Selectman Mahoney said that he agreed that Emergency Management's loss of Aaron Wallace was the Plymouth Police Department's gain.

Selectman Malaguti added that the proposed Dog Park is a very hot topic with Plymouth residents and that there is a consensus that they are needed.

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## 8:10PM - LICENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

### LICENSES

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **J James Auctioneers & Appraisers** for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm for an Auction being held at Memorial Hall. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved a One Day Wine and Malt License for **Loretta LaRoche Productions** for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm for a concert being held at Studio G, 50 Shops at 5 Way. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved a Change of Officers for **Sodexho Operations LLC d/b/a Creative Gourmets** as follows: *Voted 5/0*

- Lorna C. Donatone: President
- Thomas R. Morse: Vice President
- Scott E. Robins: Secretary

On a motion by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved a Change of Officers for **Sodexho Operations LLC d/b/a/Creative Gourmets** (Peabody Picnic Pavilion) as follows: *Voted 5/0*

- Lorna C. Donatone: Presidents
- Thomas R. Morse: Vice President
- Scott E. Robins: Secretary

On a motion by Sean Page and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved a Change of Officers for **Sodexho Operations LLC d/b/a Creative Gourmets** (Accomack Room) as follows: *Voted 5/0*

- Lorna C. Donatone: President
- Thomas R. Morse: Vice President
- Scott E. Robins: Secretary

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano and seconded by David Malaguti, the Board approved a Common Victualler License for **Market Basket**.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by David Malaguti, the Board approved a Comprehensive Entertainment License, Group – TV for **Market Basket**.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved a Special Auctioneer Permit for **J James Auctioneers & Appraisers**.

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved an Early Sunday Liquor Sales - 10:00am for **Aria Capone d/b/a Carmen's Café Nicole**.

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved the Open Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2016. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved the Open Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2016. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded by Anthony Provenzano Jr, the Board approved the Open Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2016. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Sean Page and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board granted Exclusive Vendor Rights to **Plymouth 400, Inc.** for two events. One is the Plymouth 400 Seafood Smack-Down being held on July 10, 2016 and the other is the Plymouth 400 Heritage Festival being held on August 6, 2016, both events being held at Pilgrim Memorial State Park. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Sean Page and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board granted Exclusive Vendor Rights to the **Plymouth Chamber of Commerce** for the Plymouth Bark in the Park being held on May 14, 2016 at Nelson Park. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded John Mahoney, the Board approved the owner of 91C Taylor Avenue to pay, in full, all interest, costs and expenses in the amount of \$21,808.67 in order to redeem their property. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved the owner of 57 Reed Avenue to pay, in full, all interest, costs and expenses in the amount of \$20,050.06 in order to redeem their property. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by John Mahoney, the Board approved and signed a contract with Lynne Barrett, Finance Director for the Town. *Voted 3/1*  
*By Roll Call: Tavares: Yes, Provenzano: Yes, Mahoney: Yes, Page: No, Malaguti: Abstained*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved an amendment to the 1954 Town of Plymouth Traffic Rules and Order based on the Samoset Street / Route 44 reconstruction project for the area around Samoset Street, North Park Avenue, and South Park Avenue. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved an amendment to the 1954 Town of Plymouth Traffic Rules and Order to accommodate the establishment of a new **Crosswalk on Pleasant Street**. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board approved the establishment of a **Crosswalk on Pleasant Street** at the central walkway entrance to the southwestern side of the Town Training Green. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board appointed Keven Joyce to the Cable Advisory Committee. *Voted 5/0*

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by David Malaguti, the Board appointed Pamela L. Borgatti, Town Treasurer, as the custodian of the following tax possession properties in order to hold a public auction:

- 4 South Cherry Street: Map 4, Lot 41 (0.161 Acres)
- 38 Clifford Road: Map 42, Lot 29 (2.909 Acres)
- 618 Bourne Road: Map 124, Lots 3-34 and 3-35 (0.529 Acres)
- 620 Bourne Road: Map 124, Lot 3-3.6 (0.300 Acres)
- Off Squanto Road: Map 3, Lot 9 (0.170 Acres)

On a motion by David Malaguti and seconded by Anthony Provenzano, the Board appointed Pamela L Borgatti, Town Treasurer, as the custodian of the following properties in the event that they do not pay, in full, the interest, costs and expenses to bring their property up to date from Administrative Notes above:

- 57 Reed Avenue: Map 48, Lot 53-29 (0.115 Acres)
- 91C Taylor Avenue: Map 45C, Lot 39 (0.090 Acres)

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### **8:17pm - COMMITTEE LIAISON / DESIGNEE UPDATES**

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### **8:18PM - OLD BUSINESS / LETTERS / NEW BUSINESS**

Anthony Provenzano Jr, Vice Chairman, wanted to wish his Mother a very Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

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### **8:20PM - ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Anthony Provenzano Jr and seconded by Sean Page, the Board voted to adjourn the Open Session at 8:20pm and enter into Executive Session, not to reconvene in Open Session. *Voted 5/0*

*By Roll Call: Tavares-Yes, Provenzano-Yes, Mahoney-Yes, Page-Yes, Malaguti-Yes*

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### **8:25PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Selectmen held an Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, Paragraph 6; to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the government body.

❖ *Chapter 61 - Pinehills*

Recorded by: Christopher Badot  
*Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen*